

I have owned and operated a wireless ISP for the last three years. My business is primarily based in a rural community and we were the first broadband offering in the area. Over the last three years the spectrum usage in the 2.4 GHz ISM band has become increasingly congested. A combination of additional WISP deployments and a never ending increase in consumer grade electronics (Wireless Routers, 2.4 GHz phones, wireless Speakers, etc.) contribute to increasing difficulty in maintaining reliable interference free connections to my customer base. The opening of a 700 MHz band for use by WISP's would be welcome and would significantly alleviate interference issues and would significantly improve my coverage area by improving NLOS links. This new spectrum would allow us to continue to provide a reliable widely available service in a rural market that has limited or no options for broadband access.